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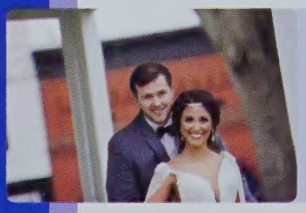

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Jane Hulon Sims

As I complete my second year as president of Copiah-Lincoln Community College. I am so proud of the progress the college is making on so many levels. Co-Lin has an incredible faculty and staff serving a host of incredible students. Despite the current challenges of a global pandemic, the Co-Lin Family has met the demands that have come its way.

As usual, the top priority for Co-Lin is its students and their safety. The spring semester was interrupted at the mid-term point requiring the transition to an online delivery mode for most instructional programs. Financial credits were issued for unused housing, meals, and some college services. Federal CARES Act funding was received with a significant portion distributed to eligible students whose educational experience was interrupted due to COVID-19. I have been extremely pleased and very proud of how our campuses have responded. It seems we were facing a new challenge each and every day.

In addition, I would be remiss not to address the racial discord surrounding recent events in our nation. I want to take this opportunity to emphasize Co-Lin's commitment to inclusion, acceptance, equality, and respect for all of our students, faculty and staff, alumni, and visitors to our campus. Now, more than ever, it is important for us to come together to move the College forward. Although we face the upcoming academic year with some uncertainty, I am confident that Co-Lin will be in a position to experience great success.

Jane Hulon Sims

FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

Hello Alumni and Friends,

This year has really thrown us all for a loop, hasn't it? Our spring semester and all the events that come with it came to a screeching halt amid the COVID-19 crisis, forcing us to postpone or cancel our usual events such as the annual Foundation Hall of Fame dinner, our golf tournament fundraisers in Natchez and Wesson, graduation ceremonies, the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame, and more. While it's been challenging to circumnavigate canceled events and hit pause on our face-to-face fundraising efforts, this crisis has also afforded us a unique opportunity to slow down and focus on what is truly important in our lives, and in what we do here at Co-Lin.

In addition to the welcomed extra time at home with my family, I've also been grateful for more quiet time in the office to focus on developing plans to better serve the college, our alumni, and our students and faculty. Although our interactions may look a little different in the coming months, we are still committed to our mission of supporting the college and connecting you back to Co-Lin and to each other. I hope you will feel that as you read through this issue.

In times of peril, Fred Rogers has been widely quoted for his advice to "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." We did not have to look far to find Co-Lin alumni who are doing just that, and we're pleased to feature just a few of our healthcare heroes in these pages who are serving on the front lines of the pandemic.

While we can't all be doctors and nurses, I encourage all of us to find a way to be a helper. Co-Lin and our community need our support now more than ever. To help at Co-Lin, I invite you to find a way to get plugged in wherever you can. A few ways to do that are:

1. Stay connected. Update your mailing and email addresses on our website and join the Alumni Association. Follow us on social media @CoLinAlumni for updates.
2. Volunteer. Get involved as a member of the alumni board or a chapter. Help organize an event or contribute your time for a specific cause or project.
3. Give Back to the Pack: Consider making a tax-deductible gift to the Co-Lin Foundation. You can designate to the scholarship, sport, or program that interests you.

No matter how you choose to support Co-Lin, thank you! You are so important to the growth of our college, and together we can overcome this crisis and come back better than ever. While we don't know exactly how the next few months and our usual fall activities such as Homecoming will look, we are hopeful to welcome many of you back on campus very soon. In the meantime, if you have an idea or suggestion, send me an email or give me a call anytime. I would love to hear from you.

Angela Davis Furr (Class of 2002)
Executive Director of Foundation | Alumni Relations

Angela Furr

FOUNDATION OFFICE WELCOMES NEW OFFICE MANAGER

Sarah Johnson ('10) recently joined the Co-Lin Foundation and Alumni Relations staff as the new office manager. Johnson, a native of Ruth, graduated from Co-Lin in 2010 where she was a Mississippi Scholar, received the Top Seven Business Award, and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Johnson graduated from Mississippi State University in 2012, where she majored in Apparel, Textiles, and Merchandising and minored in General Business Administration. Johnson joins the Foundation and Alumni office with more than 10 years of office management experience working for Providence Hills Farm and Ranch Supply. She also works as a retail assistant for Erin & Co. Boutique in Brookhaven. Johnson is a member of Topisaw Baptist Church.

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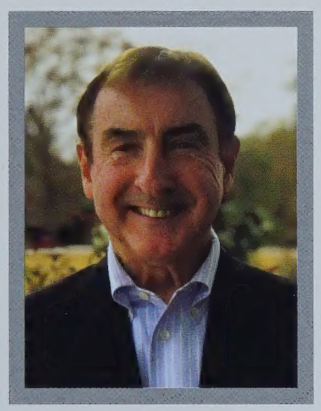

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Sammye Burris of Brookhaven is the new president of the board of directors of the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation. She follows Andrew Calvit of Natchez. Other officers are Dr. Donald Cotten of Hattiesburg, vice-president; Sarah Johnson of Ruth, secretary; and Charles Hart of Wesson, treasurer.

Burris graduated from Co-Lin in 1987 and later attended The University of Mississippi School of Banking. She currently works as a loan officer and executive vice president at United Mississippi Bank. Burris has been a member of the Co-Lin Foundation Board since 2013.

Cotten graduated from Co-Lin in 1966. He received a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in science education with an emphasis in biology from The University of Southern Mississippi, and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from West Virginia University. He currently works as a consultant to universities and the private sector for funding initiatives and business development. Cotten has been a member of the Co-Lin Foundation Board since 2016.

Johnson graduated from Co-Lin in 2010 and later graduated from Mississippi State University. Johnson currently works at Co-Lin as office manager of the Foundation | Alumni Relations office.

Hart graduated from Co-Lin in 1970 and received a bachelor's degree from Delta State University and a master's degree in accounting from The University of Southern Mississippi. He is an accounting instructor at Co-Lin, manager of the college's bookstore and is a licensed CPA. Hart has been a member of the Co-Lin Foundation Board since it was founded in 1981.

Back The Pack:

This past spring, the Co-Lin Board of Trustees voted to approve the construction of a brand-new tennis complex with eight courts and a full parking lot to be shared with softball. An increase to the proposed addition of six courts, the board recommended to expand the project to include all eight courts at once.

"Co-Lin is extremely excited about the decision of our Board of Trustees to approve the construction of a new tennis complex," Co-Lin President Jane Hulon Sims said, adding "This upgrade to our tennis facilities allows for increased support of our outstanding men's and women's tennis programs."

A message from Co-Lin's Head Tennis Coach Dana Hale

I can already see a big difference in the excitement around the complex, not only from current tennis players, but from the tennis community around Wesson. I have experienced an increase in students contacting me about trying out for the team. This complex will be instrumental in keeping our local talent closer to home and is going to significantly support this program in the future for recruiting. I want to express how thankful I am to Dr. Hulon Sims, the Board of Trustees, and donors to the campaign for making such a big commitment to the tennis program and the investment they are making in the future of this program and the community as a whole. We want to expand on what Co-Lin and tennis can offer to our youth and be an advocate for tennis enthusiasts of all ages. Even in the pandemic, morale is high and has given our students something to look forward to when they can return and play. Thank you for your support!

AN UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR CO-LIN ATHLETICS

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Contact Angela Furr in the Foundation office today!
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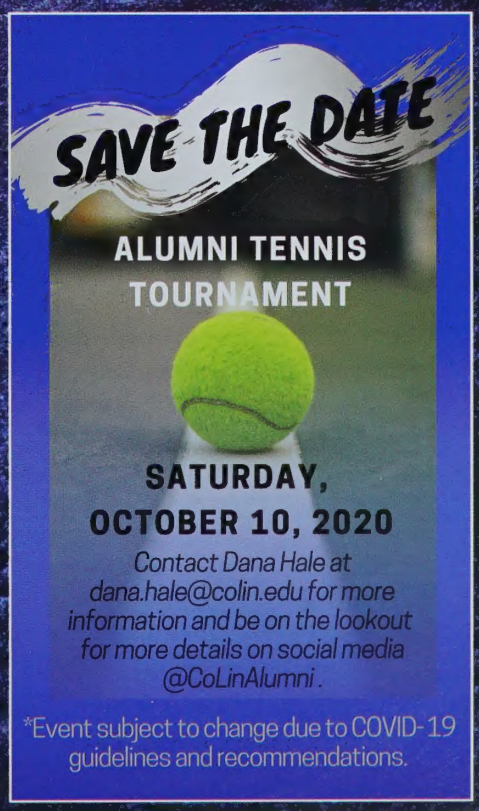

James Gabriel "Gabe" Terrell Scholarship Endowed

The James Gabriel "Gabe" Terrell Scholarship was recently endowed with the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation. Mary Jane James, of McCall Creek, created this scholarship in memory of Terrell, also of McCall Creek, to benefit students graduating from a high school in Lincoln County.

Terrell graduated from West Lincoln in 1962 where he excelled in basketball and baseball. He attended Copiah-Lincoln from 1962 – 1964 and played both basketball and baseball for the Wolf Pack. Following Co-Lin, Terrell graduated from Henderson State in Arkadelphia, Arkansas in 1967, where he played basketball and baseball. While at Henderson State, Terrell was named an All-American first baseman.

Returning to Lincoln County in 1967, Terrell married Linda Kay Anding and had two children, Chris and Allison.

Terrell began his 25-year teaching and coaching career at Bogue Chitto (13 years), followed by Enterprise (four years), and finally Brookhaven High School (eight years). At Bogue Chitto, Terrell took teams to the state basketball tournament 11 of 13 years and was selected to coach the Mississippi Boys All-Star Team in 1977, winning 95-61. During his tenure at Enterprise, he led the girls' basketball team to its first state tournament appearance. In 1989, Terrell was selected to coach the Mississippi Girls All-Star Team, winning 76-69. In his final year of coaching, the Brookhaven girls' basketball team finished runner-up in the state tournament.

"In his lifetime he impacted the lives of numerous students and athletes. He was the best person I have ever known, always trying to help anyone who needed him. He loved unconditionally and he saw the good in everyone," said James. "It seems only fitting to establish this scholarship in Gabe's memory to continue his legacy of helping others."

"We are so pleased to offer this new scholarship for students from Lincoln County in memory of Coach Terrell," Foundation director Angela Furr said. "His long-standing dedication to students will live on for years to come."

Judy Travis Akers Memorial Scholarship Endowed

The Judy Travis Akers Memorial Scholarship was recently endowed with the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation. Charles Akers of Magee created this scholarship in memory of his late wife Judy Akers to benefit students at the Simpson County Center who are majoring in elementary or secondary education.

Judy Akers grew up in Magee and was a 1973 graduate of Magee High School. After staying home and raising the couple's three children, April, Amy, and Tommy, Akers went back to school to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a teacher. She graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in elementary education in 1999. Akers spent her entire teaching career working in the Simpson County School district where she was honored as Teacher of the Year three times.

Those who knew Akers knew her love of teaching came second only to her love of family, and she was especially proud of her nine grandchildren. Pictured above for the presentation of the endowment were two of Akers' grandchildren, Julia Davis and Evan Purser, both of whom are students at the Co-Lin Simpson County Center.

"We are so excited to offer this new scholarship at the Simpson County Center in memory of Mrs. Akers," Angela Furr, Foundation executive director, said. "Her love of teaching will live on in the lives of the students who benefit from this fund."

Contributions to the James Gabriel "Gabe" Terrell Scholarship, the Judy Travis Akers Memorial Scholarship, or any other scholarship, can be mailed to the Co-Lin Foundation at P.O. Box 649, Wesson, MS 39191, using the form provided (right), or online at www.colin.edu/alumni-foundation/give-now/.

Foundation Board Welcomes New Member

STAN FOSTER

Stan Foster of Brookhaven was recently elected to serve on the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation Board. Foster graduated from Mississippi State University with a bachelor's degree in fisheries management and a masters of business administration in finance. Foster has been in banking for more than 25 years and is currently a community bank president for Trustmark National Bank in Brookhaven.

Foster is on the board of directors and chairman for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Southwest Mississippi District. He is a member and past president of the Krewe of Ceres, a member and past president of the Brookhaven/Lincoln County Rotary Club, and member and past president of the Brookhaven/Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the Mississippi School of the Arts advisory board. Foster has previously served on the Brookhaven Public School District planning committee, the Entergy Southern Advisory Council, and with the Exchange Club where he is a past president.

Foster has been married to his wife Sarah for 20 years, and they have two children, Wil and Meg. This fall, Meg will be attending Copiah-Lincoln Community College. They are active in First Baptist Church Brookhaven where he is a Sunday school director and teacher, and a Dave Ramsey course facilitator. Foster is also a coach for Brookhaven Dixie Youth Baseball.

"For nearly 40 years, the Co-Lin Foundation has provided direct support to our students and to the college. As each campus continues to grow, your continued giving enables the Foundation to reach even more students and have a bigger impact than ever before. Please join me and do your part today."
- Sammye Burris ('87), Co-Lin Foundation Board President

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From the Frontlines:

THANK YOU TO ALL OF CO-LIN'S Medical Heroes

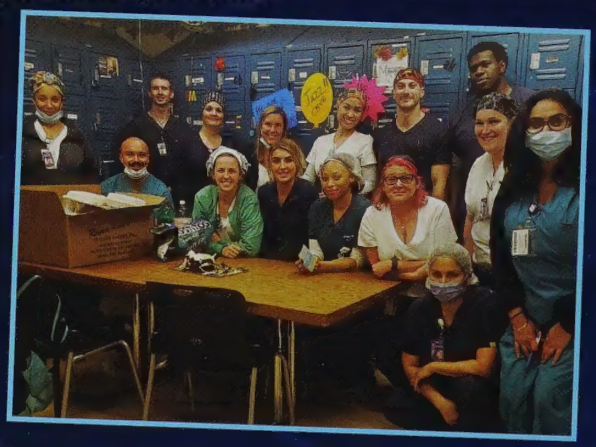
Chelsey Buie

Chelsey Buie of Brookhaven graduated from Co-Lin in 2013. She was vice president of service for Phi Theta Kappa, a member of the Blue Wave Show Band color guard, Wolftales staff, Alpha Omega science club, and Hall of Fame. After Co-Lin, Buie earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from University of Mississippi Medical Center. She is currently working in the cardiac catheterization lab at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel.

Buie and her fiancé Chad Myrick were set to be married on May 9, but had to delay their big celebration due to the Coronavirus. Instead, Buie volunteered to serve on the frontlines in New York City. Below is what she shared from her experience:

"When the shelter in place order was put into effect, elective procedures were put on a halt. While the hospital offered to let us work in other areas, I felt led to do something more. After a lot of research and prayer I knew exactly what I wanted to do, and applied for a crisis position in the medical ICU in New York. The experience itself was unique as a whole. The city and streets throughout New York were completely empty. Pictures really didn't do it justice. There were more travel nurses than staff nurses most nights, so every night we were all learning the units together. Also, the amount of hospitality we all received while there was incredible. We were told multiple times a shift how thankful they were to have us, and we were always well fed by families of patients and staff. By the time it was time to go back home, the other travelers and New York staff nurses had become like another family. When I made the decision to go to New York, I had just rescheduled my wedding and was devastated. After one shift there, I knew that moving my wedding was such a small sacrifice and I had so much more to be thankful for. After eight weeks of caring for COVID patients, new experiences and new friends that felt like family, I knew I was exactly where I needed to be."

At press time, Buie and her fiancé were planning to wed on August 22, 2020.



On May 9, what would have been her wedding day, Buie shared to her Facebook page: "Not exactly the gown and hairpiece I had envisioned for today, but so thankful for the opportunity to be here in New York and to play a small role in the COVID pandemic. If there's one thing I've learned throughout this process, it's that moving our wedding is such a small sacrifice compared to what so many families in these crisis areas (and other areas) are currently enduring. So today, I'm not sad, instead just taking the day to remind myself all that I have to be thankful for."

Quincy Futrell

Quincy Futrell graduated from the Co-Lin Natchez campus respiratory therapy program in 2007. He was voted Mr. Co-Lin Natchez and was a member of the Student Support Services Organization. After Co-Lin, Futrell earned a bachelor of science degree with a concentration in education from Southeastern Louisiana University in 2012, a masters of public health from Capella University in 2017, along with a masters of respiratory care in 2018. He is currently an assistant professor at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (FRANU) and the owner and CEO of Louisiana Lung Consultants, LLC. Below is what Futrell shared about his experience during the COVID-19 pandemic:

"This pandemic has been unique in many ways. It shined a light on the respiratory therapy profession. We were always known by the hospital staff and by patients who suffer from different respiratory illnesses. However, Covid-19 showed the world that we're the unsung heroes of the ICU. We're the mechanical ventilator experts needed to help in the fight against this respiratory virus. The respiratory therapist expertise is being sought out now more than ever. As a result, our FRANU RT program was able to graduate our respiratory seniors early to help the frontline heroes. Due to the growing need of RTs, I decided to help on the frontline during the pandemic. I love what I do; it's more than just a job to me, it's my God given vocation. I'm very proud of all the health care workers, especially those who have chosen respiratory therapy as their profession."

Futrell and his wife Rosetta, a 2011 Co-Lin graduate, have two children, Caleb and Ella. They live in Prairieville, Louisiana.

R. Benjamin Lambert, MD, FACEP

Benjamin Lambert graduated from Co-Lin in 2003. He was a member of the tennis team, Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Kappa Delta, the Science Club, and Hall of Fame. After Co-Lin, Lambert earned a bachelor's degree in biology with a chemistry minor from the University of Mississippi, and a doctor of medicine from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 2010. He is also Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians (FACEP). Lambert is currently an emergency medicine physician at King's Daughters Medical Center in Brookhaven. Below is what Lambert shared about his experience during the COVID-19 pandemic:

"I've been challenged but also encouraged by my team. We as a community, a nation, and species will rise to this challenge and we will persevere. There is a palpable sense of 'We've got this!' This reinvigorated sense of camaraderie amongst my fellow frontline workers, my family, and the entire community keeps us united to fight this and we will beat it. 'Embrace the suck' has been my own mantra. This may come off a bit harsh as it originated in the military, but I love this phrase and it is applicable to all aspects of my life; from heartbreaking shifts in the ER to the harsh conditions on a hunting trip. The deeper meaning is to embrace suffering and not run from it. Whatever devil you may be fighting, fight it face on."

Lambert and his wife Stacey reside in Lawrence County.

Carleigh Brown

Carleigh Engels Brown graduated from Co-Lin in 2014 from the Associate Degree Nursing program. Brown works at King's Daughters Medical Center in Brookhaven as a labor and delivery and nursery nurse. Below is what Brown shared about her experience during the COVID-19 pandemic:

"When I heard how devastating COVID-19 had been in China and then Italy, it was mind blowing. KDMC was well prepared and put new policies and procedures into place. Anticipation from the staff grew as the virus made its way to our country, then state, then hometown. It was like bracing yourself for a big wave to wash over you when you're in the ocean – you see it coming, but you're not fast enough to get out of the way, so you better just hold on. New policies and procedures were put into place to protect our patients and staff, one of them being a very limited visitation policy. Thankfully, our laboring mothers have been allowed one visitor during the course of their stay, but that is dramatically different than pre-COVID-19. Before March, anytime a baby was born, it was not unusual to have 10 or 15 excited family members in the hallway or waiting area anxiously waiting to meet the newest member of their family. Lots of times, laboring mothers want not only their significant other at their side but also their own mother, sister, or best friend. I look forward to a less strict visitation policy again one day and establishing a new normal post-Corona."

Brown and her husband Scotty live in Bogue Chitto with their two daughters, Lena and Ivy.

A Faithful Past; A Promising Future:

Wesson Presbyterian Church gifted to Co-Lin

Founded on December 31, 1871, the Wesson Presbyterian Church was established by Captain William Oliver, a businessman from New Orleans who had moved to Wesson to manage the Mississippi Mills. In total, there were 26 applicants who organized to establish the first congregation of the church.

The erection of a physical church building was delayed out of the necessity to rebuild the Mills, which had been destroyed by the fire of 1873. After meeting in the Methodist Episcopal Church South for the first few years, the church building was constructed on the corner of East Railroad and Collier Street, and was only the third church building established in Wesson. The church held its first service in the sanctuary on March 24, 1878.

Mary Oliver, wife of Captain Oliver, desired for the church to mirror the New England Christopher Wren style church and became the artist and architect of the church. To this day, the Wesson Presbyterian Church building is still distinguished by its simple design with a beautiful steeple and Gothic windows.

By 1889, the Church had reached a membership of 215 members, and throughout the years has seen a rise and decline in attendance and membership. During its 130-year history, the Wesson Presbyterian Church was served by 11 different ministers, with Rev. A.W. Duck serving the longest tenure of 30 years from 1928-1958.

Back left to right: Melton King, G.T. Mercier III; Front: Thomas Sasser, Dr. Jane Hulon Sims, George Mercier, Jr.

George T. Mercier, Jr. of Wesson, shared, "One story I like to tell about the church is that Brother Duck was our pastor for over 30 years and he did a lot of civic things around town, including serving as scoutmaster. I was going through some of the old records and back then his salary was $50 a month. He had a garden on the church lot to supplement his income." He added, "the thing I think so much about him was that he had two sons and they became Navy pilots. His son Allen, the oldest, missed a deck on a carrier and drowned. Brother Duck got the notice on a Sunday, went ahead and preached his sermon, and then told the congregation about his loss afterwards. He was that kind of man."

Left to right: G.T. Mercier III, George Mercier, Jr., and Angela Furr

During the summer of 2019, the congregation agreed that they could no longer maintain the church and began to seek for the right group to assume ownership of the building and property.

"Soon after that decision, I was given permission to pursue a potential candidate and Co-Lin became our first choice due to its proximity to the church, the sanctuary could be used as a chapel, and having the church placed on the National Register

of Historic Places would be a prestigious landmark for the college and the community of Wesson," Mercier said.

Mercier, who was an elder of the church and clerk of the session for the past 45 years, celebrated his 103rd birthday on May 8 in the church sanctuary with his son, G.T. Mercier III, and members of the college's staff and Board of Trustees. "My mother and father were married here and I was baptized here so we have a long relationship with the church," shared Mercier.

On March 15, the Wesson Presbyterian Church officially closed its doors as a church and will now function as a part of Co-Lin. After the church elders and congregation approved the transfer of the property to the college, the gift was unanimously accepted by the Co-Lin Board of Trustees.

"We have a long history between the college and the town of Wesson – a history that we appreciate and hold with tremendous value. We're going to take this gift and nurture it for some really special things in the future for both the town and for the college," Co-Lin president Dr. Jane Hulon Sims said. "We're so grateful that the Mercier family looked to Co-Lin and entrusted us with such an important landmark of Wesson."

Dorothy Ragland Mercier Memorial Fund

In addition to the donation of the church building and property, George Mercier, Jr. and his son G.T. Mercier III established the Dorothy Ragland Mercier Memorial Fund with the Co-Lin Foundation in memory of Mrs. Mercier, who passed away this past December. The fund will be used for the improvement, maintenance, and ongoing expenses of the chapel.

"My wife will always be remembered as a wonderful Christian who served the Church in many capacities from teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, leading the women's Bible study group, as well as hosting various community organizations in the Wesson Presbyterian Church Annex," Mercier said.

"I knew Mrs. Mercier through the Wesson Garden Club and thought the world of her," Hulon Sims said. "What a wonderful tribute and way to honor her life. We're thrilled to have this opportunity."

"The Foundation is grateful to the Merciers for this gift to be used to enhance and maintain the chapel," executive director of the Co-Lin Foundation Angela Furr said. "We are honored to celebrate Mrs. Mercier's legacy through this special project."

Contributions to the Dorothy Ragland Mercier Memorial Fund can be mailed to the Co-Lin Foundation at P.O. Box 649, Wesson, MS 39191, or made online at www.colin.edu/alumni-foundation/give-now/.

Letter to Alumni and Friends

DEBORAH LEA
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
CLASS OF 1976
with Anna Grider

This is somewhat my final "Hello" as your Alumni Association President. My term ends, and it has been an extreme honor to have served. Other officers will be moving up, creating vacancies, and I want to encourage everyone to be involved in every way possible with the Alumni Association.

As I ponder this final address I think of the obvious – we are in strange times indeed. The college is not alone in being somewhat turned upside down. Faculty, staff, and students have been handed a situation completely out of their control. I give my greatest applause to each and every Co-Lin employee at all campuses for doing everything possible to keep college and student needs at the forefront. It is my hope all alumni will think (and act) on what they can do to aid the process. Here is my hope for a 'new normal' for all alumni – we get in the trenches in big numbers, in a big way, as never before to make this fall and beyond so dynamic that the memory is lessened of what has and is being experienced where college life is concerned. Join the effort to get Co-Lin stood back up this school year as though it never missed a beat. Reach out to others who are not association members and get them involved as well. Let's all be true Co-Linians in a most visible and viable way!

Lastly, but no less heartfelt, a special thanks to the Alumni Office and staff for their support of me and the rest of us. They have done a tremendous job and surely it will continue. Thanks to you all for being members . . . until I see you all one last time as President, take care out there!

Deborah L. Lea

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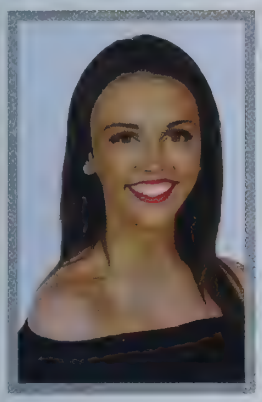
Kennedy Moore named Colette Director



The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Blue Wave Show Band has named Kennedy Moore ('17) of Brookhaven as the director of the Colettes. Moore is no stranger to Co-Lin, having danced with the Colettes for two years and served as head Colette her sophomore year.

"We are so excited that Kennedy is joining the Blue Wave Show Band staff as Colette director," said Co-Lin Director of Bands Juanita Proffitt. "She was an outstanding head Colette at Co-Lin, and will carry on the Colettes tradition of excellence while bringing new dance innovations to our team."

Moore has 19 years of dance performance, theatre performance, choreography, and teaching experience, including 14 years of competitive dance in regional and national competitions with Showstoppers Studio of Dance, Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom Parade, halftime performance at the 2014 Sugar Bowl, and the University of Southern Mississippi Southern Misses dance team. She has also performed and choreographed in numerous productions at Brookhaven Little Theater, as well as regional large teen tap line and hip-hop productions. She has trained with numerous dance professionals at conventions and master classes.

"Co-Lin gave me the opportunity to meet so many amazing people as a member of the Blue Wave Show Band," said Moore. "I am so excited to be able to come back and work with a team that I care so much about and look forward to giving these girls some of the best years of their life."

Moore currently teaches all first grade through high school hip-hop classes at Showstoppers Studio of Dance and assists with jazz, tap, ballet, and contemporary classes. Moore also serves as a choreographer for the Copiah Academy dance team.

A graduate of Brookhaven High School, Moore graduated from Co-Lin in 2017 and is a recent graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in dance.

Jim Carmody to be Inducted into MSCCSHOF

Jim Carmody was recently voted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame by his fellow Copiah-Lincoln Sports Hall of Fame members. The induction ceremony scheduled for this past spring has been postponed and is to be rescheduled for a later time.

Carmody is a 1954 graduate of Co-Lin where he was a co-captain of the Wolfpack football team and a member of the baseball team. He attended Tulane University where he was a two-year football letterman and received bachelor's and master's degrees, and led the football team to its first winning record in five years.

Carmody began his coaching career in the armed services in Korea. He served as an assistant football coach at Tulane, Kentucky, Mississippi State, Ole Miss and North Carolina before he became the defensive coordinator at The University of Southern Mississippi, where he was nicknamed "Big Nasty" as coordinator of the "Nasty Bunch" defense. He spent a season as an assistant coach in the NFL for the Buffalo Bills before returning to Southern Miss as the head football coach where he boasted a winning record in five of six seasons including an upset that ended a 57-game Alabama winning streak, which was the most points scored against a Bear Bryant team in Tuscaloosa.

Following his career at Southern Miss, Carmody coached at Mississippi State, Mississippi College, and Ole Miss before returning to the NFL as a scout for the Arizona Cardinals for 10 years before his retirement in 2005. Carmody was inducted into the Co-Lin Sports Hall of Fame in 1993, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 2009, and the University of Southern Mississippi Hall of Fame in 2009. He was honored as Co-Lin's Alumnus of the Year in 2014.

He is married to Earlyn "Noonie" Carmody, a former Miss Louisiana, and has four sons, Steve, Brian, Keith and Chris, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

WOLVES AT THE NEXT LEVEL

Joining every other sports team across the nation, the Co-Lin Wolf Pack Spring sports season came to an unexpected end when the world, and campus, shut down due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Despite these heartbreaks and challenges for players, coaches, students, and fans, we remain committed to celebrating the success of so many of our spring sport athletes continuing their athletic and academic careers at the next level. Congratulations to our most recent graduates, our Wolves at the next level!

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McMILLAN

JONES

CORONADO

BASEBALL

Jay Smith - Delta State
Trey Frierson - Union University
Brooks Italiano - Mississippi College
Brandon Brown - University of Mobile
Konner Allen - William Carey
Cameron Hill - Blue Mountain College
Josh Day - University of Missouri

SOFTBALL

Katelyn Hayman - Delta State
Delaine McMillan - Alcorn State
Macy Ziskin - Belhaven University

TENNIS

Paula Coronado - Cumberland University

GOLF

Adam Files - William Carey
Garrett Herring - William Carey
Bryson Jones - Mississippi College

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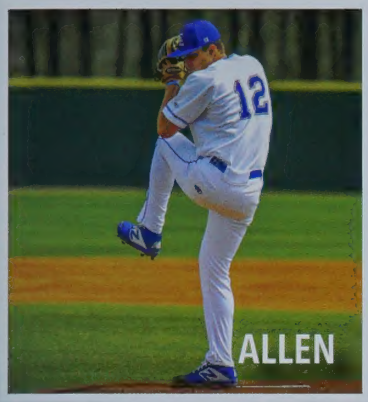
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NFL WOLVES

Written by: Lucas Calvert
Co-Lin Sports Information Coordinator

Three former Copiah-Lincoln Community College football players inked deals to play at the professional level as undrafted free agents. Tommy Champion, who played for Co-Lin in 2015 and 2016, signed with the Seattle Seahawks, Jaquarius Landrews, also played in Wesson in 2015 and 2016, inked with the New York Giants, and Keith Washington II, who played just one season at Co-Lin in 2017, signed a deal with the New Orleans Saints. The trio will all head to NFL camps during the offseason to battle for spots on the newly expanded 55-man roster for each team.

Champion, a Calloway High School graduate from Jackson, was a staple of the Wolves' offensive line for two seasons. The 6-5, 320-pound lineman, helped Co-Lin rush for over 1,200 yards both years he dressed out as a Wolf and helped Co-Lin produce a 1,000-yard rusher in Ladarius Galloway. His efforts landed him First Team All-MACJC honors as a sophomore in 2016. He went on to play at Mississippi State University where he played in 18 games and started six times through two seasons.

Landrews, a McComb High School product, was a stellar defensive back for Co-Lin in his two years in Wesson. The lengthy safety wrapped up 43 tackles during his time at Co-Lin and snagged four interceptions, including a game-winning, overtime pick against East Mississippi in 2015, highlighted in Netflix's Last Chance U. After Co-Lin, Landrews played at Mississippi State University where he played in 23 games with 16 starts. He totaled 98 tackles, five tackles for loss, three sacks, one interception, and 13 pass breakups with the Bulldogs.

Washington, a Prattville, Ala. native, came to Co-Lin as a defensive back for one season after transferring from the University of Michigan. During his season with the Wolves, he wrapped up 20 tackles, brought down two interceptions, posted five pass breakups, and forced one fumble. After Co-Lin he continued his career at West Virginia University where he played in 22 games at cornerback, with 17 career starts. During his time with the Mountaineers, he recorded 23 tackles, three interceptions, and 12 breakups which landed him 2019 All-Big 12 Second Team honors.

Another notable player joining the NFL ranks as an undrafted free agent with Co-Lin ties is Wesson native Farrod Green. Green is the son of Co-Lin defensive back's coach Calvin Green. Farrod played at Wesson Attendance Center before going to Mississippi State University to play tight end. He signed with the Indianapolis Colts.

For more information on Co-Lin's athletic teams, please follow @colinathletics on Twitter, facebook.com/colinathletics, or visit colinathletics.com.

Congratulations

Kaitlin Moak Ashley ('13) was named the 2019 teacher of the year at Brookhaven Elementary School.

Breazeale

Jackson

Colby Bass ('10) was named the Chief Financial Officer at Herring Gas.

Amber Bowman ('08) was hired as an academic counselor at Co-Lin.

Jessica Breazeale ('04) received the SPARK and Judges' Awards at the Pine Belt Chapter of the Public Relations Association of Mississippi annual awards banquet.

Jordan

Kent

Nick Jackson ('09) joined the Renaissance Group Inc. team as a project architect.

Karlie Jordan ('20) was crowned Lawrence County's 2020 Miss Hospitality

Nelson

Erica Kent ('13) was named the 2019 teacher of the year at Terry High School.

David Martin ('00) was named as the first appointed superintendent of the Lincoln County School District.

Travez Moore ('17) and TK McLendon ('18), both former Wolf Pack football players, won the 2019 college football National Championship with Louisiana State University.

James Montgomery ('89) published a book called Buckskin Cody available for purchase on Amazon.

Drake Nelson ('16) published a book called Midnight Worship available for purchase on Amazon.

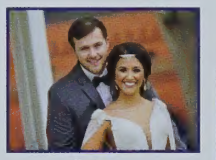
Lauren Hope Nuckles ('18) received the Christine L. Oglevee Memorial Award at UMMC School of Nursing.

Charlotte J. Phillips ('12) began working at Renasant Bank in Crystal Springs in April.

Tommy Watson ('99) was named the third head football coach in Lambert High School history.

Wedding Bells

Taylor Berch ('19) married **Brett Calcote** ('17) on March 21, 2020. Berch was Co-Lin's Homecoming Queen in 2018.


Calcote

Coulombe

Bailey Hinshaw ('13) married Hunter Coulombe on March 7, 2020.

King

Jaci Montgomery ('19) married **William King ('19)** on May 2, 2020.

Ashlyn McGehee ('20) married Garrett Pace on May 23, 2020.

Palmer

Pace

Peyton White ('20) married Brayden Palmer on June 6, 2020.

In Memoriam

Helen Barber ('55) passed away on May 11, 2020.

Roger C. Boyd ('55) passed away on May 9, 2020.

Samuel Hugh Brown ('72) passed away on March 10, 2020.

Elton Cummings ('64) passed away on April 1, 2020.

Lee Edward Earls Sr. ('56) passed away on June 13, 2020.

Etta Dorothy Izard Farmer (attended) passed away on January 11, 2020. Farmer was 101.

Furr

Kenneth Furr (HS '48; College '50) passed away on May 6, 2020. Furr was honored as Alumnus of the Year in 2014.

William Thomas "Billy" Graves ('48) passed away on April 25, 2020.

Hallman

Timothy Hallman (attended '09) passed away on February 22, 2020. Hallman was the mascot at Co-Lin.

Agnes Lucile Horton (HS '54, College '56) passed away on June 21, 2020. She worked as a child care supervisor at Co-Lin for many years.

King

Janet Barlow Kelly ('50) passed away on April 26, 2020.

Arthur King ('47) passed away on July 2, 2020.

Elizabeth Priscilla Larsen, former Co-Lin cafeteria employee, passed away March 2, 2020.

Murphy

Robert Carol Lofton ('70) passed away on May 9, 2020.

Tyler Neal Meador ('00) passed away on July 15, 2020.

Ed Murphy ('62) passed away February 16, 2020.

Johnnie Pearl Sykes Pevey ('46) passed away on March 4, 2020.

Geraldine Carlisle Smith ('64) passed away on March 18, 2020.

Rhonda G. Smith ('74) passed away on May 18, 2020.

William Calvin Spencer ('48) passed away on December 18, 2019.

Stephens

Freddie Stegall ('59) passed away on July 13, 2020.

Mark O. Stephens ('74) passed away on March 1, 2020.

Judy White Sturtevant ('67) passed away on January 30, 2020.

Weston

Rachel Ann Thompson passed away on January 1, 2020. Thompson was the assistant bookstore manager at Co-Lin for 30 years.

Teri Brown Tynes ('91) passed away on May 25, 2020.

Williamson

Curtis Moore Weston ('48) passed away on January 17, 2020.

James Williamson ('50) passed away on November 19, 2019.

White

Dr. Delores "Dolly" Brumfield White passed away on May 29, 2020. Dr. White coached girls' basketball and track at Co-Lin high school and taught P.E. at the college from 1956-1963.

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Kaylon Deanne Bennett ('15) married **Alex Weston Sullivan** ('15) on March 7, 2020.

New Arrivals

Jarod ('99) and Katie Amos are proud parents of Skylar Grace Amos, born April 3, 2020.

Britt

Joshua ('05) and **Anna Smith Britt** ('05) are proud parents of Jeptha "Bryant" Britt, born June 18, 2020.

Cosgrave

Tom and **April Cosgrave** are proud parents of Lyla Rose Cosgrave, born January 27, 2020. Tom is the head men's and women's soccer coach at Co-Lin.

Daley

Nick and **Brooke Nelson Daley** ('13) are proud parents of Swayze Laine Daley, born October 29, 2019.

Deer

Matt (attended) and **Hayley Deer** ('11) are proud parents of Ruth Elizabeth Deer, born April 28, 2020.

Edmonson

Jack and **Kimberly Edmonson** ('12) are proud parents of William (Will) Reeves Edmonson, born January 11, 2020. Jack is the assistant baseball coach at Co-Lin.

Gibbs

Jake and **Mare Sims Gibbs** (attended) are proud parents of Sims Harrison Gibbs, born March 1, 2020. Proud grandparents are **Dennis** and **Dr. Jane Hulon Sims**.

Hickman

Corey and **Ashley Hickman** ('06) are proud parents of Cade Hatcher Hickman, born February 27, 2020.

Ethan and **Regan Neely**

New Arrivals

Lee

Lee ('15) are proud parents of Hutson Thomas Lee, born March 19, 2020.

Leggett

Jesse ('01) and **Ashley Tate Leggett** ('07) are proud parents of Parker Scott Leggett, born May 21, 2020.

Benjamin and **Laura Long** are proud parents of Elliott C. Long, born April 17, 2020. Benjamin is a Co-Lin Natchez campus police officer.

Jake and **Julie Reid McRaney** (attended) are proud parents of Hendrix Payne McRaney, born October 2, 2019.

Posey

Garrett ('13) and Hayley **Posey** are proud parents of Blair Anniston Posey, born January 28, 2020.

Price

Wade ('04, '08) and **Jennifer Price** are proud parents of William Wyatt Price, born June 9, 2020. Jennifer is an instructor in the science division at Co-Lin.

Blake ('15) and **Carly Reeves** ('15) are proud parents of Collins Claire Reeves, born February 5, 2020.

Smith

Sawyer and **Kori Smith** ('08) are proud parents of John Daniel Smith, born March 20, 2020.

Will and **Haley Shedd Thibodeaux** ('15) are proud parents of Rippley Thibodeaux, born May 12, 2020.

Walker

Justin ('08) and **Mary Beth Walker** ('08) are proud parents of Judah James Walker, born June 1, 2020.

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